

Meeting Minutes

Augusta Historic Preservation Commission

December 7, 2016

6:30 pm at City Center, Conference Room C

Members Present: Lorie Mastemaker, Dan Stevens, Jerry Bumford, Jan Doerr

Members Absent: Phyllis von Herrlich, Dale McCormick

Others Present: Betsy Poulin-City Staff, Richard Bridges, Peter & Paula Quirion

- Introduction
 - Welcome to Peter and Paula Quirion
- Minutes
 - Dan moved that the minutes be accepted as written for the October 5, 2016 meeting
 - Seconded by Jan.
 - Vote: 4:0. Motion passed.

New Business

- Wrecking and Demolition Application – 661 West River Road
 - Peter Quirion gave a summary of the house. His brother lived there for 40 years and has recently moved to be closer to his children. Quirion Construction purchased the property. They currently use a 38x50 garage on the property and will use the two car garage which went with the house for their business. The plan is to demolish the house and not redevelop the site.
 - Jan Doerr lives nearby. Her extended family never owned the property in the past, she has no financial interest in the property currently.
 - Richard discussed his research and read a summary. It was built between 1863 and 1871 and has been used as a farm. The original owners had 60 acres, which was on both sides of West River Road. He did not discover data which meets the significant building criteria.
 - Jan goes through all five criteria of review. All voting members vote in favor of negative findings for each item.
 - Motion by Dan: Based on the information before the Historic Preservation Commission tonight, I make a motion that 661 West River Road is not a potentially significant building per section 134-5 of the Code of Ordinances. It does not meet any of the criteria listed in Section 134-5(G) of the Code of Ordinances.
 - Seconded by Jerry.
 - Vote 4:0. All in favor. Motion passes. Building is not potentially significant.

- Wrecking and Demolition Application – 8 Marduca Lane
 - Richard discussed his research and read a summary. Theodore Ballard Townsend built the house in the 1880's. He was an alderman for the City of Augusta. When he died in 1889, his son and widow sold the property and it became McClains Dairy Farm. He did not discover data which meets the significant building criteria.
 - Jan goes through all five criteria of review. All voting members vote in favor of negative findings for each item.
 - Motion by Dan: Based on the information before the Historic Preservation Commission tonight, I make a motion that 8 Marduca Lane is not a potentially significant building per section 134-5 of the Code of Ordinances. It does not meet any of the criterial listed in Section 134-5(G) of the Code of Ordinances.
 - Seconded by Jerry.
 - Vote 4:0. All in favor. Motion passes. Building is not potentially significant.
- Historic Building Plaque – 51 Patterson Street
 - Richard read a summary of his research. Hannah Brown bought the land from Patterson, and the house was built in 1866, by her son Albert, for her to live in. The Brown family kept ownership of the house, through extended family, the Fowlers, for 117 years.
 - Dan made a motion that the plaque reads: *Hannah Brown House, circa 1866.*
 - Seconded by Jan.
 - Vote 4:0. All in favor. Motion passes.
- Historic Building Plaque – 38 Sewall Street
 - Richard read a summary of his research. The house was built by Sam Wood, a carpenter, between 1848 and 1851. John Mulliken, a local merchant, land investor and a Director of Freeman's Bank, lived in the house from 1868-1879.
 - Dan made a motion that the plaque reads: *John Mulliken House, circa 1850.*
 - Seconded by Jerry.
 - Vote 4:0. All in favor. Motion passes.
- Historic Building Plaques to be presented at January 19, 2017 City Council Meeting.

Old Business

- Membership Discussion
 - Dan to contact Dan Wathan to see if he would like to join the Commission.
- Motion to adjourn meeting by Dan
 - Vote: 4:0. All in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47.

Next Meeting January 4, 2016 at 6:30pm for a Regularly Scheduled meeting.

Minutes by Betsy Poulin, City Staff.